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Appln. No: 10/017,973
Applicant: Mitsuaki OSHIMA, et al.
Filed: December 7, 2001
Title: MARK FORMING APPARATUS, METHOD OF FORMING LASER MARK
ON OPTICAL DISK, REPRODUCING APPARATUS, OPTICAL DISK
AND METHOD OF PRODUCING OPTICAL DISK
TC/A.U.: 2137
Examiner: Paul E. Callahan
Confirmation: 9590
Docket No. MTS-520US5

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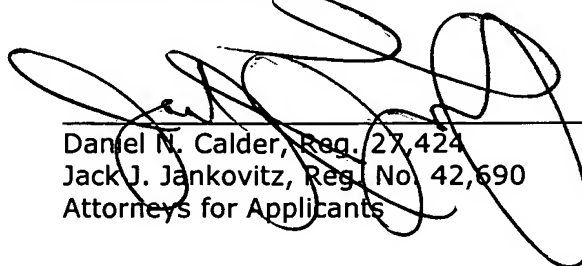
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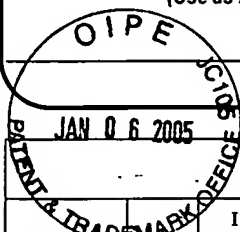
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